GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:179
ANSWERED ON:18.11.2002
PRODUCTION OF MILK
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is the largest producer of milk in the World;

(b) if so, whether only 15 per cent milk is fit for human consumption and rest of the milk is unsafe due to many diseased cattle;

(c) whether this has also hampered milk productions in the country causing annual loss of over Rs.6000 crore;

(d) whether the Government have conducted any study in this regard; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof and the remedial steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir. India is the largest producer of milk in the world. The estimated production of milk in 2001-02 was 84.6 million tonnes.

(b): Government of India has not received any authenticated report that only 15 per cent milk is fit for human consumption and rest of the milk is unsafe due to many diseased cattle

(c): No, Sir.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise in view of (d) above.